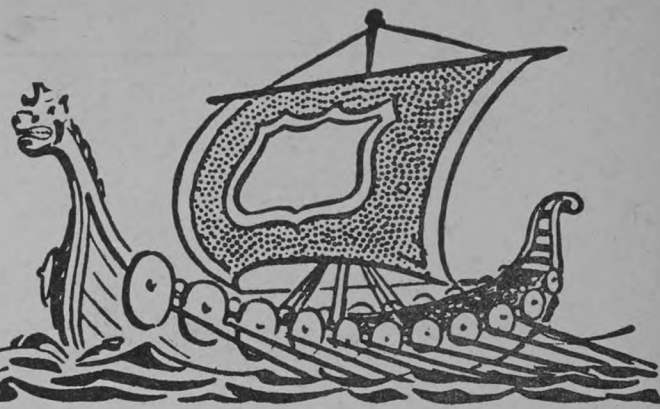




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ELECTIONS HELD

Prov. Treasurer Aalborg Resigning

Anders O. Aalborg was honored recently in Lloydminster for his great contribution to his constituency of Alexandra and to the Province of Alberta. Provincial Treasurer Aalborg is resigning due to ill health.

Tributes came from old and young alike. Premier Harry Strom told the 500 guests at a testimonial banquet that Mr. Aalborg was "an outstanding citizen, one who is not afraid to take his place in society and serve his fellow man far and beyond the call of duty."

There were the children who recited poems regretting Mr. Aalborg's retirement and the lengthy eulogy delivered by a prominent Lloydminster lawyer, Joe McLean.

Also, there were formal representations by the city, the County of Vermilion River, and other groups like the chamber of commerce.

Most of all, though, there were the good wishes of hundreds of in-

dividual citizens, expressed individually, to Mr. Aalborg and his wife, Catherine.

Mr. Aalborg was born of Norwegian parents in 1914 in the same area he has represented as an MLA since 1948.

A teacher and principal of a small school before he entered politics, he became education minister in 1952 and held the post for 12 years before being appointed provincial treasurer in 1964.

Since that time he has presided over the expenditure of more than \$4.5 billion of Albertans' money and before he retires at the next election, the figure will be close to \$6 billion.

When he retires he intends to work for the Cardiac Fitness Institute in Edmonton in administration and public relations.

Mr. Aalborg suffered a stroke in 1968 which has necessitated his stepping down.

SAS' Trans-Siberian Route Is Culmination of 30-Year Dream

When Scandinavian Airlines inaugurates the Trans-Siberian Express on April 3, the DC-8 Super Fan flight will fulfill a three-decade-old dream of cooperation between Soviets and Scandinavians for an East-West short cut.

Back in 1939 Aeroflot and Swedish Airlines (ABA) — one of the three parent companies of SAS — were seriously considering joint operation of a Great Circle route linking Europe and the Orient.

The "Scan-Asia Air Express" would more than halve travel time between Scandinavia and Japan or China. But plans were curtailed by the world situation in 1939.

Nearly 32 years later, SAS and Aeroflot will launch one-stop Trans-Siberian flights between Copenhagen and Tokyo, lopping 3,500 kilometers and nearly four hours off the previous shortest routing.

SAS will operate the 9,200 kilometer, 13-hour Trans-Siberian Express eastbound Saturdays, Aeroflot on Wednesdays. SAS will fly westbound — with daylight all the way — Sundays, Aeroflot on Thursdays.

According to the schedule, the Trans-Siberian Express leaves from Copenhagen on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 12 noon, arriving in Tokyo early the following morning. This offers excellent connections to SAS flights from Montreal, departing daily at 9:45 PM, with arrival in Copenhagen the following morning at 10:45.

When Aeroflot and ABA were discussing their short cut in 1939 the fastest routing from Stockholm to Tokyo was 11 days via the Trans-Siberian railroad and a boat ride on

the Sea of Japan. A combination of train and boat from Italy on the southern route took about four weeks.

The two airlines sketched out a route that would take only five days, including overnight stops, between Stockholm and key Oriental points via Moscow and Siberia.

Traffic surveys promised about three passengers a week in each direction, but the lure of cargo and especially air mail made the route quite attractive for Aeroflot and ABA.

According to maps plotted out at the time the Scan-Asia Express would run between Stockholm and Sverdlovsk, U.S.S.R., a distance of 2,900 kilometers, via Moscow, the first day. The second day, via Novosibirsk, U.S.S.R., would run another 2,250 kilometers to Krasnojarsk, U.S.S.R.

The third day would take travelers and cargo to Irkutsk and Dablin, U.S.S.R. another 1,950 kilometers. From there, transportation to such points as Tokyo and Shanghai would take another day or two.

The route was seen as a natural growth of the Stockholm-Moscow service the two airlines had been operating since 1937. The Siberian extension, felt to be a success on mail alone, was pondered as feasible as far as Irkutsk the first year, as Japan and China were at war at the time.

But Aeroflot and ABA wanted to have their organization set on paper, at least, and some practical experience gained over the longest segment of the route before expanding further eastward.

Re-elected



HERB VIGFUSSON

Scandinavian Languages Taught at U. of A.

Did you know that the Department of Germanic Languages at the University of Alberta offers some courses in Scandinavian studies? Elementary Norwegian and second year Norwegian are taught, as well as two literature classes.

The literature classes are: Survey of Scandinavian Literature in English translation and Survey of Scandinavian Literature in the original language. These classes are listed in the University of Alberta calendar, and to register in them for credit, one must be admitted to the University.

Prof. Christopher Hale is the only teacher in the Scandinavian Division right now. He did his graduate work at the University of Chicago, and has visited the Scandinavian countries on several occasions, in order to become proficient in the languages.

Norwegians Visit City

A group of 20 Norwegians were in Edmonton Feb. 23 to learn about the Canadian oil business.

The trade mission was particularly interested in legislation covering northern and off-shore operations. Oil strikes have recently been made off the Norwegian coast in the North Sea and the group was hoping to gain valuable insights from Canadian experiences.

While in the city, they met with various government and industry officials and attended a noon luncheon sponsored by the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce.

The airlines also envisioned the Siberian short cut as eventually becoming the fastest routing around the world, touching Vladivostok, Seattle, New York, Ireland, Stockholm, and Moscow.

It was clear, even in the early days of commercial aviation, that the Great Circle route via Scandinavia and Siberia was significantly shorter than skirting the Equator.

Annual Meeting Elects 4 Directors

Close to 100 shareholders attended the annual meeting of The Scandinavian Centre in the Viking room Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Three new directors and one incumbent were elected for a three year term. Herb Vigfusson (Icelander) was re-elected, while three new faces appear on the horizon of the Board of Directors — Bruno Spenrath (Finlander), Tom Oster (Dane) and Bengt Kristiansson (Swede).

Two proposed by-laws were passed by the general meeting.

1. A transfer fee will be charged for transferring a Scandinavian Centre share — the amount will be left to the discretion of the Board of Directors.

2. The Board of Directors was also reduced from 15 to 11 to provide a more workable group and making it easier to get a quorum which was difficult at times in the past.

Three directors resigned from the board. May Rushton, who had been Secretary of the Board, felt she could not spend as much time as was required. Esko Salo, former director of charter flights, had already moved to Dawson Creek to take up business there. Helge Ahlefeldt, former director of memberships, also resigned because of pressure of business.

Five, who are normally retired each year, included Len Petersson, Harv Haugen, Kurt Sorensen, Matti Lehtiniemi and Herb Vigfusson — the last being re-elected.

Besides the three new members and the one re-elected the following remain on the board: Ellsworth Halberg, Gary Johnson, Paul Karvonen, Claus Jacobsen, Gunnar Thorvaldson, Margaret Cameron and Henry Logan.

The board members vote amongst themselves to determine the various officers such as President, etc. The board meets every second Tuesday of each month.

New Director



BENGT KRISTIANSSON

New Director



TOM OSTER

ICLANDIC VIP VISITS EDMONTON

By Lillian MacPherson

Mr. Andres Bjornsson, Director General of the Icelandic State Radio and Television Broadcasting Services, and Mrs. Margaret Bjornsson, Reykjavik, Iceland, will be visiting in Edmonton March 10 - 12.

Sponsored by the Department of Germanic Languages at the University of Alberta, Scandinavian Division, Mr. Bjornsson will speak on Wed., March 12 at 8:30 p.m. in Room L-12 of the Marshall Tory Building at the University on THE HISTORICAL NOVEL IN MODERN ICELANDIC LITERATURE.

On Thurs. March 11 Mr. and Mrs. Bjornsson will be entertained by the Icelandic Society at the Scandinavian Centre. All members of the Society and interested friends are invited to the lecture and coffee party. You will be notified of further details by telephone.

Mr. Bjornsson took his present position in 1968, but has been associated with the broadcasting media for many years. He taught literature at the University of Iceland; has edited an anthology of modern Icelandic literature; and has published scholarly articles in this field. He is the author of several translations into modern Icelandic of English, French and Italian works.

Icelandic literature is unique in that it is written in a language unchanged since the time of the Vikings. It is generally considered extraordinary, both in quality and quantity, for the size of the nation. Mr. Bjornsson's North American tour is being sponsored by Icelandic Airlines, the University of Manitoba, and the Icelandic National League in Winnipeg.

SPLINTERS from the BOARD

By Gunnar C. Thorvaldson

FLIGHTS —

All three overseas charter flights are progressing favorably. The first one is leaving for Copenhagen on May 28 and returns July 13. This is Flight No. 35 and we anticipate that it will be full when the next issue of the paper goes to press.

We are now making plans for the group flights for next fall. There will be two to Scandinavia at Christmas, plus flights for the sports minded — a Grey Cup flight and a skiing flight to Kelowna.



MARGARET CAMERON

MEMBERSHIPS

The board approved 25 share applications at the last director's meeting. If we can keep this up, 1971 will be a good year.

RADIO REPORT

Listen to The Scandinavian Show on Radio Station CFCW every Saturday at 10:30 — 790 kc on your AM dial. The Scandinavian Centre Report is broadcast on this program at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Margaret Cameron will be giving the report in March. If you have something of interest for the broadcast, give her a call at 455-2064.

The report during April will be given by Gary Johnson.

Sons of Norway Honors Dr. N. E. Borlaug

Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, most recent winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in developing a high-yield variety of wheat that has reduced hunger in poverty-stricken countries, will be the guest of honor at a reception at SONS OF NORWAY CULTURAL CENTER, 1455 West Lake Street, Minneapolis on Wednesday, March 3, 1971.

Of Norwegian extraction on the paternal as well as maternal side, Dr. Borlaug is also the recipient of the special Sons of Norway plaque for "Professional Achievement". According to the distinguished scientist, this plaque was the first award he received in the United States after returning from the Nobel Ceremonies in Oslo, Norway.

Minneapolis-based since its founding in 1895, SONS OF NORWAY is today, with some 61,000 members, the world's largest organization of North Americans of Norwegian birth or descent.

Covering a wide range of cultural, educational, fraternal and humanitarian activities, SONS OF NORWAY serves as the main link between Americans and Canadians of Norse origin and also between North America and Norway.

The Editor Says By Leslie L. Morris

When I was young and going to school, I lived in an apartment building which housed the local newspaper equipment and offices in the basement and main floor. As a familiar person around the building I was allowed into the press rooms and I took advantage of it and wandered at will amongst the men at work.

I was extremely interested in what went on and stood fascinated for hours it seems watching the linotypist spuing out the lead lines which went to make up the columns of the paper.

Then down to the noisy rotary press where the papers spurted out by the thousands, all hands keeping them moving on their eventual journey to the customer. All was busy, busy, busy.

Because of these personal satisfying experiences I feel sure that there must be some young person who, too, would be interested in knowing how a newspaper is put out.

Now I know that The Scandinavian Centre News is not on such a grand scale, but it has its fascinating moments and busy times. There are things that a young person interested in learning how a newspaper such as this is turned out could do to feel a part of the Scandinavian Centre.

If there is such a person amongst our readers, contact me at the Scandinavian Centre, or phone me at 455-4355, for there are several things which you can help to do. As I am busy with many things, it would be a great help to me to have some such assistance at different times of the month, helping to put out the paper, by some helpful volunteer.

Some people don't put their best foot forward until they get the other one in hot water.

From Free Press Weekly

Karen Magnussen earned the North American women's singles figure skating title at Peterborough, Ont., the weekend of Feb. 6, with first place marks from six of the seven judges, and a standing ovation from the crowd of 4,000.

The only Canadian title claimed during the matches, she defeated Janet Lynn of the United States who won the title two years ago.

The next major competition for the 18-year-old, three time Canadian champion from North Vancouver, B.C., will be the world championships, Feb. 23-28 in Lyon, France.

Austria's Beatrix Schuba she says, is her other major competitor. The Austrian skater, who is defending world champion, again won the European championship title Feb. 6 at Zurich, Switzerland.

"But Beatrix is no free-skater," said Max Gould of Toronto, a former Canadian Figure Skating Association judge. "She's the world's best skater in figures, but she can't come close to Karen in free skating." Miss Schuba confirmed the opinion when she fell once and nearly fell a second time in her free-skating performance in the European championships. She won the European title on the strength of her marks in compulsory figures which count for 50 per cent of the total marks.

In Peterborough Miss Magnussen beat Miss Lynn in both the figures and the free-skating performance.

The pretty blonde, who won her first Canadian senior championship in 1968, earned a perfect mark of six from one judge for artistic impression in her free-skating program.

Beyond the world championships at Lyon, France, Miss Magnussen, has only one other major goal.

"I want to win the title at the 1972 Olympics. Beyond that, I have not made up my mind."

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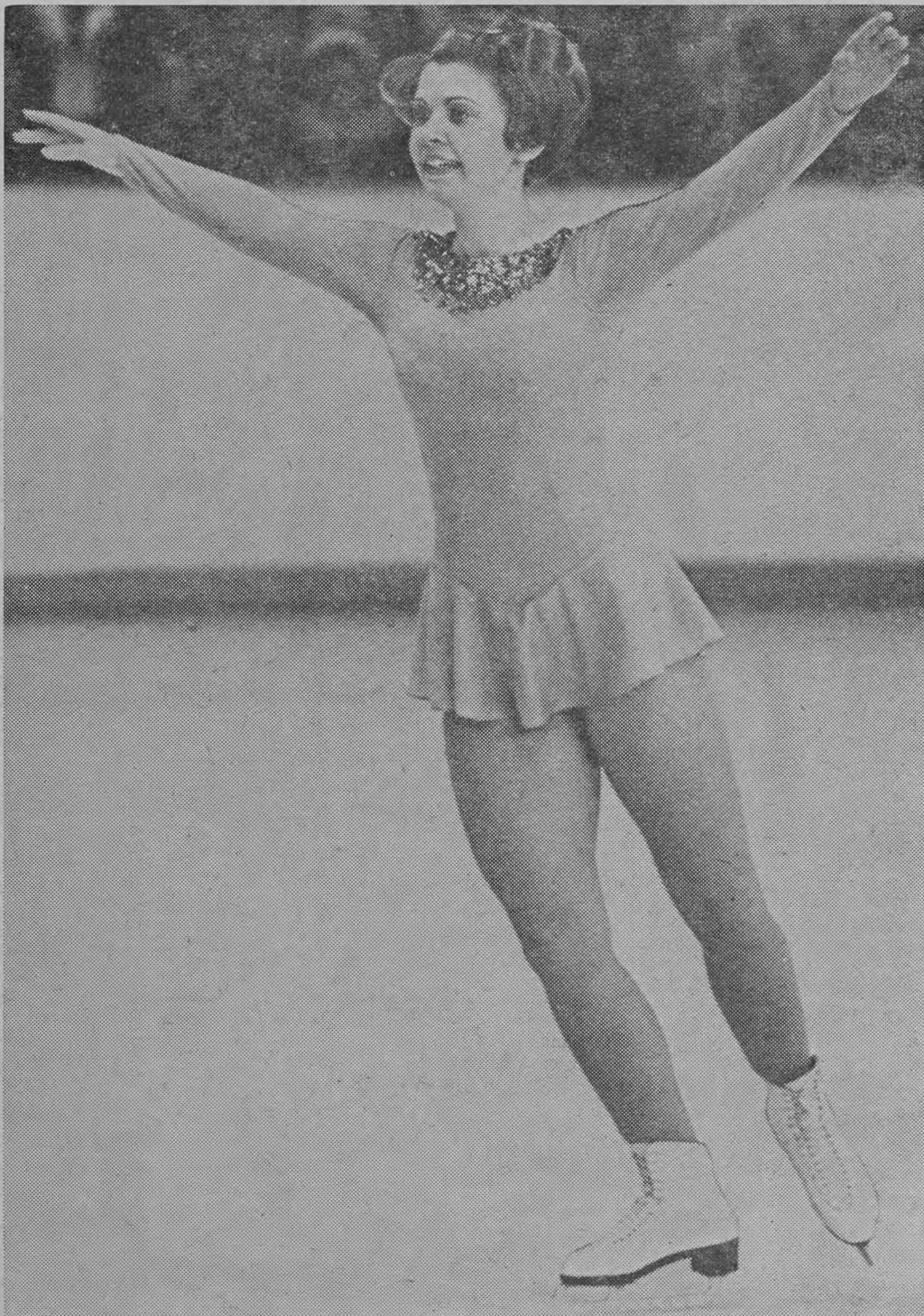
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Karen Magnussen Wins Top Skating Title



Karen Magnussen as she shows her talents on the ice

VASA LODGE SCANDIA



By Joyce Hawkes

Chairman Lennart Petersson opened the Feb. 6 meeting at 7 p.m. This meeting was held in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre.

The charter was draped in black, and a minute of silence declared in memory of Brother Edvin Emanuel Bergquist who passed away on Jan. 16 at the age of 66. Brother Bergquist was a charter member of Vasa Lodge Skandia No. 549. The Lodge extends its sympathy to his wife Ruth and family.

Thanks to Martha Dahl, Charlotte Samuelson and Carol Brandle for a yummy lunch.

Members reported as sick include: Evelyn Modin, Marjorie Correll, Ruth Bergquist, Eric Tell, Michael Skoog, Ole Houg, Jhon Jerratt.

The January meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was held at the home of Sr. Milda Backstrom with a good attendance. Election of officers for 1971 was held and last year's officers were reelected:

Chairman: Mrs. M. Pearson; Secretary: Mrs. E. Pierre; Treasurer: Mrs. W. McMaster; Alternate Officer: Mrs. H. Markstrom; Auditors: Mrs. Mary Pearson and Mrs. Hannah Sund.

Mrs. Milda Backstrom will continue to order flowers for the sick sisters and Mrs. Svea Erickson will continue to phone and remind members of meetings.

Donations to the following was also decided on: The Heart Fund, Cancer Fund, Crippled Children fund, Mental Association, Oakhill Boy's Home, Rehabilitation Society for the Handicapped, Arthritis Society and The Scandinavian Center News.

The Past President's Club was host at a Court Whist Party held after the General Vasa meeting on Feb. 6. Winners were:

Ladies First, Mrs. W. McMaster; Ladies Second, Mrs. Svea Erickson; Consolation, Mrs. E. Pierre.

Gent's prizes went to: First, Mr. Earl Erickson; Second, Mr. Ed Hinton; Consolation, Mr. Ben Kristenson.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, March 6 - 7:00 p.m.

Regular monthly meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia will be held in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. Our young people will chair the meeting. A dance will follow. 9:00 p.m.

Come out and support our young people as they entertain us.

Friday, March 19 - 8:00 p.m.

The Women's Auxiliary will meet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Holmgren, R.R. 2, St. Albert.

Sunday, March 14 - starting at 6:00 p.m.

The annual Pot Luck Supper for

members and their families will be held at the Scandinavian Centre in the Nordic Room.

Wednesday, April 7 - 2:00 p.m.

A coffee party and sale of home-baking is planned in the Molson House.

Saturday, March 13

DISTRICT CURLING will be held in Calgary. Branting Lodge No. 417 is the host. The curling will be held in the Big "4" building at the Calgary Stampede Grounds. The banquet and dance will be held at the Hounsfield Heights - Briar Hill Community Association located at 1928 - 14 Ave. N.W. Two teams will be going from our Vasa Curling Club.

Saturday, May 8

DISTRICT BOWLING will be held in Medicine Hat with Lindholmen Lodge No. 670 as host. Please plan on being at the bowling lanes at 1:00 p.m., and there will be a supper and dance following bowling.

Saturday, April 3 - 7:00 p.m.

Regular monthly meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia will be held in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. Reception of New Members. 9:00 p.m.

Linnea Lodge tells me that the Drill Team will host a Wine Tasting party.

VASA GLIMPSES

Mrs. Mary Pearson went to Montreal to visit her son, Kenneth.

Mrs. W. Modin went to Toronto to visit her son, Wayne, and family.

Congratulations to Mrs. Svea Erickson who was 81 years young on Feb. 1. Several friends and neighbours called to see her at the Queen Lodge. A phone call was received from Lulu, Harold and Lisa in Saskatoon.

Doris Gerneroy in Yellowknife is voluntarily acting as Secretary of the Northwest Territories Teacher's Association. Lynn is in New Westminster.

Ron Engstrom is now working for the Payroll Department at the University. Should anyone find a shoe in the snowbank, return it in the spring, eh?

Evelyn and Don Johnson having a jolly time in Spain. Must be nice!!

His Vasa Family members mourn the passing of Gust Lundgren.

(Our correspondent Joyce Hawkes, wrote her column under the disadvantage of the flu bug. We hope she recovers completely soon. - Editor.)

Fin May Succeed U Thant

Finland has proposed the candidacy of Max Jakobson, top Finnish delegate at the United Nations to succeed U Thant as secretary general next year. Endorsement is expected quickly from the other nordic states - Sweden, Norway, Iceland and Denmark.

The decision by Helsinki was taken speedily after Thant announced he had "no intention whatsoever" of serving beyond his present term which expires Dec. 31.

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Just for today I will live through the next 12 hours and not tackle my whole life "problem" at once.

Just for today I will improve my mind. I will learn something useful. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look my best, speak in a well modulated voice, be courteous and considerate.

Just for today I will not find fault with friend, relative or colleague. I will not try to change or improve anyone but myself.

Just for today I will have a program. I might not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two enemies - hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will exercise my character in three ways. I will do a good turn and keep it a secret. If anyone finds out, it won't count.

Just for today I will do two things I don't want to do, just for exercise.

Just for today I will be unafraid. Especially will I be unafraid to enjoy what is beautiful and believe that as I give to the world the world will give to me.

What Is The Nobel Prize?

One of the greatest honors a person can attain is to be awarded the Nobel Prize. They are given for outstanding work in science, medicine, literature, and world peace.

The Nobel prizes were established by Alfred Bernhard Nobel. He was the man who invented dynamite and other powerful explosives, and he built a large industrial empire.

At his death in 1896, Nobel, who was Swedish, left \$9,200,000 to set up a fund for the Nobel prizes. The awards are given each year for the most important work in five categories: physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature, and peace.

Nobel named four institutions to award the prizes. Sweden's Royal Academy of Sciences gives the awards in physics and chemistry. The Royal Caroline Medico-Surgical Institute awards the prize in medicine. The Swedish Academy, a group of scholars and writers, awards the literature prize. A committee of the Norwegian Parliament gives the prize for peace.

Each Nobel prize winner (called a Nobel laureate) receives a gold medal, a diploma, and prize money. Sometimes more than one man is named for the prize, and the prize money is divided among the winners. The money comes from investments made with the money Nobel left when he died.

Among the famous people who have won the Nobel prizes in their field of work are: Martin Luther King, Jane Addams, Theodore Roosevelt, Ernest Hemingway, Marie Curie, Albert Schweitzer, Ralph Bunche, John Steinbeck, Winston Churchill, Pearl Buck, Guglielmo Marconi and ex-Prime Minister of Canada, Lester B Pearson.

AROUND THE CORNER

Around the corner I have a friend In this great city that has no end, Yet days go by, and weeks rush on, And before I know it a year has gone, And I never see my old friend's face, For life is a swift and terrible race.

He knows I like him just as well As in the days when I rang his bell, And he rang mine. We were younger then, And now we are busy, tired men, Tired of playing a foolish game, Tired with trying to make a name.

"Tomorrow, I will call on Jim, Just to show that I am thinking of him." But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes, And the distance between us grows and grows, Around the corner, yet miles away... "Here's a telegram, sir" - "Jim died today".

And that's what we get, and deserve in the end, Around the corner, a vanished friend.

WEDDING BELLS



GAIL HOPE

EDWARDS - HOPE

Gail Elaine Hope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hope, was united in marriage to William Edwards, son of Mrs. Eileen Edwards, last fall at Central Lutheran Church.

Reception was at the Waikiki for approximately 90 guests, followed by a reception at her parents. Coffee and Norwegian baking were served.

Gail is the first to wear the 'Norske Krone' which was brought back from Norway by the sewing class. The Edwards are residing in Edmonton.

WETHERSPOON - CHRISTENSEN

A lovely wedding took place on Feb. 13 when Marianne, daughter of Borge and Birthe Christensen, was united in marriage to Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Wetherspoon, all of Edmonton. Reception was held at the Scandinavian Centre.

Among out of town guests were Mrs. Jytte Noesgaard from Saskatoon and Mrs. Ellen Nielsen from Salmon Arm, B.C. Marianne is a grand-daughter of Mrs. Boysen in Denmark, who has been over on visits quite a few times. Mrs. Boysen is in poor health and couldn't make the trip this time.

After a short honeymoon to Banff, Mr. and Mrs. Wetherspoon will make their home in Edmonton. Congratulations!

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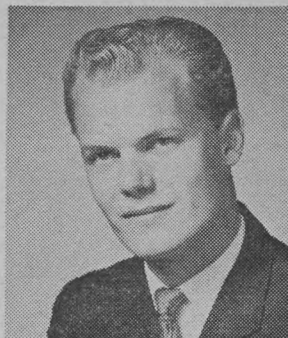
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A JOURNEY TO REMEMBER

The following are excerpts from a letter written to Rosa Benediktson by her son, Steve, following a visit to Iceland in May last.

The weather was fresh but not really cold, with traces of snow on the ground. There were patches of green grass around the terminal building at Keflavik.

The drive into Reykjavik, some 20 miles over the old lava flows, is a rather bleak experience and I could not help wondering if it were the Americans or the Icelanders that picked that location for an airbase back in the early years of World War II.

We had a telephone call from Gudmundur Benediktsson in the Prime Ministers office . . . he extended greetings from the Prime Minister and invited us to an official dinner at the Hotel Borg the following evening. It was one of the functions in conjunction with the inauguration of the Burfell Hydro-electric Power Plant and the Aluminum Reduction Plant located

at Straumsvik between Keflavik and Reykjavik. The complex is owned 49% by the Swiss and 51% by the Icelanders and financed by a West German bank.

I arranged to rent a car and discovered in the process that Icelanders are not early risers—nothing much happens before 9:00 a.m. I believe they stay up later than we do, which is probably very sensible, because the evenings are so long for most of the year. We took off in a rented Volkswagen for a circle tour out to Thingvellir. It was a beautiful drive, particularly the section along the shores of Lake Thingvellir. We saw literally dozens of the long haired Icelandic sheep and horses.

Stevie and I checked onto a Flufelag flight to Akureyri to visit the Skagafjörður District where grandfather lived. A bus picked us up at Arnarstapa, where grandfather left from to go to America just about 100 years ago.

We made arrangements to take a bus trip to the ski lodge that overlooks the city of Akureyri and the Eyjafjörður District. The view from the lodge was inspiring. The sea and snow covered mountains reflected the blue and white colours in the Icelandic flag.

I found an interesting looking book in the reading room of the ski lodge titled "Vestur Islenzkur Aeviskrar" by Benjamin Kristjansson. To my surprise it contained pictures and a description of the Benediktson and Stephanson families, including myself, amongst the Western Icelanders.

When we went down for breakfast in the morning the radio was announcing the news that Mt. Hekla had started erupting the previous evening. It had been dormant since 1947 and it seemed as though it had decided to perform just so that we could see it.

The coastline of Iceland is a series of fjords — fingers of water between ridges of barren rock. The level land on either side of the fingers of water is the farm land, which appears to be very fertile. The pastures were turning green in the warm spring air and the farms along the way appeared to be modern and well kept. The road was not at its best because the frost was coming out creating some dandy soft spots.

It turned out that the car waiting for us at Arnarstapa was not a rent car but a private car and a committee of three gentlemen who were sincerely interested in meeting one of Stephan G.'s descendants.

We went for a tour of the district, first to an old sod roofed church where Stephan G. was confirmed, that is now maintained as a historic site; then from there we went to the monument.

The monument's most striking feature seems to me to be that it is so much a part of its setting, shaped as it is like the stone monuments of old that marked the trails through the snow. It commands a magnificent view of the sea to the north where I recognized the cow that was turned into an island of rock in the old mythology. It looks exactly like the painting of it that used to hang on the wall at the farm. I believe the island is called Drangey.

We had coffee with the farmer who lives on the old farm site. It is too high to be a prosperous farm and the farmer has been known to say that if only the view was worth something he would be a rich man. He is a keen horseman and I was told in Reykjavik that the men of Skagafjörður are noted for their love of wine, women and horses — a reasonable heritage, I reckon.

After coffee we drove into Sauðárkrúki with a stop at an old farm at a church just south of town that is maintained as a national memorial site. It was an enormous complex of the old board fronted sod houses, all fully furnished from the

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



By Carol Berdahl

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday March 10

General Meeting and initiation night.

Saturday, March 20

Bowlers from Valhalla Lodge No. 341, Calgary, will be coming to Edmonton. Let's all get out and welcome these visitors. A dance and lunch will follow.

Solglyt Lodge No. 143 held its regular monthly meeting on Feb. 13 in the Viking Room, Scandinavian Centre.

Bro. Anders Anderson announced that the Torske Klubben has undertaken two projects.

1. It is intended to honour otherwise unrecognized Norwegian persons who have distinguished themselves in Edmonton, or in Alberta, in such fields as sports, business, government, agriculture or many others, or who have contributed to the Son's of Norway or Scandinavian Centre.

2. It is intended to have a plaque mounted in the Scandinavian Centre lobby to advertise the Sons of Norway and the Torske Klubben, and to enhance the lobby itself.

Sons of Norway members are asked to assist in this project by submitting names of such persons to Bro. Roy Faltinson. Included should be such other information as birthdate, birthplace, date of immigration (if applicable), list of accomplishments, hardships, and successes, humorous or interesting tales of their experiences, photos of the persons and his family, and any other pertinent information which you may be able to add.

More substitutes are needed for bowling teams. Contact Betty McKevitt, Ph. 477-7762 if you would like to fill in.

The Sewing Club can also use more members. Contact Sis. Marion Iverson.

A Sweetheart Dance followed the meeting with Warren Clark's band providing the music. Thanks to members and friends who attended, making it a very enjoyable and successful evening.

Twenty-seven new applicants and 4 transfers were balloted on and accepted. A total of 104 new members were signed during 1970.

The Sons of Norway Sunshine Club entertained the patients of the Good Samaritan Auxiliary Hospital. Bro. Carl Elgstrand was master of ceremonies. His cast included Sis. Irene Hovde who sang Norwegian folk songs; Darlene Melsness who sang in the Norwegian language with her father, Bro. Del Melsness, accompanying her at the piano; The Svidal Trio, Kurt, Kevin, and Kurtis, who rendered many instrumental favorites. The group was well received and applauded.

The cast had tea with patients after the program with Sis. Molly Cooper acting as hostess.

Bro. Carl extends a welcome to all talented members to join in this worth while project entertaining the patients at many hospitals. He has a whole series lined up for the future. Why not join to-day? Phone Bro. Carl Elgstrand at 489-4170.

SCANDINAVIAN COOKING CLASS

The first class was held Feb. 1, with a good turnout. Sis. Hilma Bukvi assisted Sis. Ragna Sivertsen. Future cooking classes will be held

on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Scandinavian Centre. Due to the large turn out and limited space, cooking classes must be restricted to lodge members. Sis. Martha Venoasen will assist in the next class. Anyone interested in this class should contact Sis. Ragna Sivertsen, 422-5990.

SICK COMMITTEE REPORT

We wish a speedy recovery to Bro. Stephen Reno who is in the Misericordia Hospital as well as Sis. Alice Aslin.

Lauritz Larson passed away recently. Sympathy is expressed to Sis. Inga Larson and family.

John and Tova Marko wish to announce the arrival of Jason John Arnold Harko, born Jan. 23, 6 lbs. 13 ozs.

Bro. Lief Andersen has left Edmonton to visit Norway for six weeks.

Beverly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Meryle Travis, placed second in the Western Canada intercollegiate figure skating competitions (Novice category) held in Edmonton Feb. 5 and 6, at the University of Alberta.

Sis. Mina McDonald celebrated her 82 birthday Jan. 26.

The Sunray Jr. Lodge enjoyed a skating party at the Mayfair Park followed by a lunch at Sis. Marion Iverson.

BOWLING NEWS

Seasons High Scores to Feb. 9:

Ladies' Average — Betty McKevitt 202.

Ladies' High Single — Louise Logan 290.

Ladies' High Triple — Betty McKevitt 734.

Men's Average — Arne Gulbrandson 208.

Men's High single — John Marko 353.

Men's High Triple — Arne Gulbrandson 845.

Team Triple — FJORDS — 3147

Team Single — ODINS — 1164.

Next months reporter will be Sis. Molly Cooper. Phone 466-5565.

Five Ways To Get Rid of Your Editor

1. Read every issue, word for word, and comment thereon. He'll write himself to death.

2. Pat him on the back and tell him what a good job he's doing. He will work himself to death.

3. Get club news, features and articles in by the deadline. He'll probably drop dead.

4. Tell him you'll volunteer as a reporter, copy reader, assistant-almost anything . . . and then DO it. He'll probably have a heart attack.

5. Get the whole mailing list to write adulatory letters-to-the-editor. He'll get so efficient that a paying job will open up on a "real" paper and they'll take him off your hands.

From the "Waterlog", Ontario publication.

The Swedish chemist Jons Jakob Berzelius discovered the radioactive metallic element thorium in 1819.

ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

By Lillian MacPherson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keep Friday, March 26, open for the big spring dance at the Scandinavian Centre. Although all arrangements aren't final at writing, there may be a smorgasbord as well. If you want any further information, phone our Social Chairman, Shirley Thorsteinson, at 439-5130.

As the New Year Party seemed to be a success with our members, we will try another evening like that, this time on Sat., April 3. Tickets will be available from all the board members or phone 454-5438 to reserve yours now. No one will be let in at the dance unless they have a \$3.00 ticket. Last day for ordering tickets will be April 1st. Tell your friends and make up a party and come and enjoy yourself. Good Music. Keep this in mind, as the April paper may not reach you in time, so mark your calendar now. We like to see you.

In case you don't have yours yet — the Ladies' Auxiliary is still selling its cook book the SWINGING GOURMET, which includes, in a separate section, 17 Icelandic recipes. For \$1.75, copies may be purchased from any member of the Auxiliary or mail orders can be sent to Mrs. Pearl Valgardson, 6515 112A St., Edmonton 62. 25c should be sent to cover mailing.

The Thorablott was held on Feb. 14. For a fantastically delicious meal we thank the lunch convener Jonina Eamon and her assistant, Pearl Valgardson, as well as all the other women who helped with the serving and washing up. After dinner the annual meeting of the Society was held, at which the following officers were elected for the next year:

President — Earl Valgardson.
Vice-President — Barney Thorlakson.
Secretary — Ninna Campbell.
Treasurer — Gus Roland.
Correspondent — Lillian MacPherson.
Cultural — Margaret Cameron.
Lunch — Jonina Eamon.
Assistant — Thorey Greenham.
Membership — Beulah Arason.
Phoning — Margaret Kolton.
Assistant — Thelma Johannson.
Sick and Visiting — Martha Aronson.
Social — Shirley Thorsteinson.

We were pleased to have several new members as guests at the Thorablott. They included Christopher Hale; Ari Arnalds from Reykjavik, Iceland, now living in Edmonton; Mrs. Grainier; Mrs. Rose Arnfinson and family; Marvin and Trudy Thorgerierson and family and Mr. and Mrs. F. Frederickson of Wetaskiwin. Out-of-town guests included Rosa Benedicktsen from Red Deer; Valdi Jackson from Elfros, Sask.; Mrs. Esther Watson (Clara Johnson) from Scotch Bay, Man., and the Frederickson's from Wetaskiwin.

Two door prizes were awarded, one of which was won by Robert McNaughton. Then the Kangaroo hide, donated by Steve and Audrey Benedicktsen, was won by Howard McNaughton!

Many thanks to those who made this such a pleasant affair for everyone who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ferrell and family have moved to Cranbrook, B.C., from Edmonton. Mrs. Ferrell was Eleanor Henrickson. He is a sales manager there for Datsun cars.

Ila Henrickson is now living with Joan and Larry Chmelyk. Joan just returned from Houston, Texas, where she was learning new techniques for her job as a medical technician.

C. J. Longmore, son-in-law of Ila Henrickson, has been appointed

general sales manager with over-all responsibility for national sales of all Facelle consumer products. He and his wife Margaret are living in Toronto.

Beulah Arason flew to Ottawa when her grandson, David Walter Ross, was very ill.

Lucille Oddson travelled to Cobourg, Ont., to visit with her sister for a week. On her way home she stopped in Winnipeg where she visited with her family and Leif's sister.

Happy Birthday to Mrs. Ida Christophersen on her 80th birthday.

Know Your Alberta

Among the best known bridges in Canada is Edmonton's High Level Bridge constructed 1910-1913 at a cost of more than \$2,000,000.

Originally planned in 1903, the "High Level" has been for many years the main thoroughfare for traffic crossing the North Saskatchewan River bisecting Edmonton. The top or rail deck was first used on June 2nd, 1913, and linked Edmonton with what was known as Strathcona and other southern points. Edmonton Street Railway also used twin streetcar track facilities, commencing August 17th of the same year.

Street railway passengers were afforded a beautiful view of the city when travelling across the bridge on calm, clear days. During winter's icy blasts, however, passengers were more concerned whether the street cars would safely reach the other side. As a safety precaution street cars travelled opposite their normal tracks across the structure. Northbound traffic took the west, or left track, rather than the usual east or right side. In an emergency passengers would have been able to alight from the car on to the centre of the roadway and not onto the edge of the bridge structure. Southbound traffic, conversely, travelled the left, or east track.

Cost of the immense structure was borne by the Provincial Government, the C.P.R. and the City of Edmonton. The bridge is 2,478 feet long and 43 feet wide. Height from water level approximates 160 feet.

Wooden blocks originally made up the traffic floor of the bridge but due to hazards in wet weather, gave way to cement. The south entrance has many times been called the beginning of the Alaska Highway.

Prior to the Second World War lights on the traffic deck faced upwards providing viewers with a breathtaking sight. As a safety precaution during the war the lights were turned inwards.

Twenty-five thousand barrels of cement were poured into piers supporting the immense structure. The bridge took 700,000 board feet of lumber; 17,200,000 pounds or 500 miles of steel and approximately 1,400,000 rivets in its construction. Five thousand gallons of paint are used every few years in repainting as a rust-prevention measure.

Surface area of the bridge is 860,000 square feet.

Bergen Is a Bargain This Year

Bergen, capital city of Norway's Fjord Country, invites all visitors to daily "Get - Together - Parties" throughout 1971 in the ancient Hanseatic Inn on the Quay. Bergen will again organize a daily sight-seeing trip throughout the winter season, starting at 11 a.m. from the City Square.

Never trust your wife's judgement. Look who she married.

What some people don't know about driving would fill a hospital.

Icelandic Canadian Composes Songs

Mr. Leo B. Gudmundson, Box 1706, Mission City, B.C., has produced a recording DISTANT MOUNTAINS (Emar EM1001). The words and music on the record were all written and composed by Mr. Gudmundson, who was born in Ardal, Man.

He came to Alberta in 1916, and lived here for 50 years before retiring to B.C. He feels very strongly that Canadian talent and Canadian themes should be aired on Canadian broadcasting media, and to this end he has engaged Canadian artists to sing and play his songs of western Canada.

The pieces on the record "reflect his outdoorsman's appreciation for the beauty to be seen in the country he lived and worked in. His straightforward lyrics are of the simple things; the love of people, home, mother, and the land, with a touch of reverence for life and death." (jacket).

Titles of the songs, such as "Sunshine and Sage", "Distant Mountains", "Peace River Dam", "Cariboo Country", "Land of the Lonely" indicate the nature of the sentiment expressed in the lyrics.

The artists, many of whom have recorded individually, are Larry Renn, Gordie Shanks, Doug and Ron Dumaesque, George Moody, Rick Nelson, and Patti McDonnell, backed up by three talented groups: Bob Dalrymple and his orchestra, the Mission Boys, and Paul Wagner.

After an active life as a rancher in Alberta, a commercial fisherman in Saskatchewan, a businessman involved in hotels and oil fields, Mr. Gudmundson, in his retirement, is pursuing a new vocation in the recording field, which should bring pleasure to many who enjoy music with a western flavor of places and thoughts familiar to all.

Storks Becoming Extinct in Denmark

From the Edmonton Journal (Reuters)

The famed storks of Denmark are dying out.

Hans Christian Andersen once called this country "the land of the storks," and there was a time when every village had a stork or two. It was regarded as unlucky if a village did not have one.

But today the Danish stork population has gone into a catastrophic decline. There may be none left by 1975, says one expert.

"If the development continues it is to be supposed that the stork will soon become extinct," said Tommy Dybro, stork expert at Copenhagen University's zoological museum.

Before 1900 there were more than 4,000 breeding pairs in Denmark. But this year, Dybro said, only about 65 pairs are breeding.

The causes of the decline are partly climatic and partly man-made.

Toward the end of the last century an enormous program to reclaim land was begun in Jutland — draining marshes which were once a favorite breeding ground for storks.

Northwestern Europe now is undergoing a colder period and the cooler waters of streams and marshes discourage stork breeding and kill many young storks.

Other factors believed to be reducing the numbers are collisions with high-tension cables and the eating of insects poisoned with insecticides, including winter feeding grounds in South Africa.

Distillery Byproduct Produces Bird Sanctuary

From Winnipeg Free Press (CP)

A \$20 million distillery that started operations at the Lake Winnipeg town of Gimli, Man., two years ago has come up with an unexpected by-product — a bird sanctuary.

During late summer and early fall, about 200 to 300 birds have been seen daily around the waste treatment lagoons. Species include ducks, seagulls, sandpipers, snipes and pigeons. The waters also are becoming populated by muskrats and mink.

Two workers, Bob Ennis and Walter Wishnowski, have warned would-be hunters that the sanctuary is off limits, and management has agreed with the men.

Interested viewers say the birds and animals act normally after feeding from the marsh.

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PLAIN FACTS

We do not know why we are here,
Nor just how long we have to stay,
So if we're wise it should be clear,
We should not waste one single day.

Whether or not there was a plan
A few facts do remain,
It is better far to act the man,
Than to lie and cheat for gain.

We had no choice about our race,
Whether our skins were black or
white,

But if we fill a real man's place,
We will treat them all alike.

We may not know why some are
poor,

And others immensely rich,
Why beggars go from door to door,
And drunkards get in the ditch.

But of this fact there is no doubt
We all are very close akin,
None of us should be shut out,
Because he has a darker skin.

FINNISH SOCIETY



By Anne Sahuri

The Annual meeting of Finnish Society was held on Jan. 17 at the Scandinavian Centre, Dania Room.

Mrs. Sirkka Ristola was elected as president for 1971.

Other members are:

Maria Utunen, Tuula Moisio, Paul Karvonen (vice-president) Marja Laine (secretary), Anne Sahuri (treasurer), Vilho Ristola (membership), Veikko Kujala (entertainment), and Matti Moisio (entertainment).

Tyney Liimatainen and Sirkka Ristola were elected to the Ladies committee.

Bertha Rama and Tyne Liimatainen were elected to the Scandinavian Centre Ladies Committee.

Mary Karvonen was elected to the Scandinavian Centre Cultural Committee.

Marja Laine is to be the correspondent for Vapaa Sana, and Anne Sahuri is to write to the Scandinavian Centre News.

After the meeting everyone enjoyed the coffee prepared by Mrs. Ristola.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Miss Rita Salomaa and Mr. John Tilley who were united in marriage on Jan. 23 at the Augustana Lutheran Church. Reception and dance was held at the Scandinavian Centre, Viking Room. The young couple will reside in Edmonton.

"Many thanks to everyone for all the lovely gifts I received at the bridal-shower recently. My special thanks to Mrs. Laila Kujala who had arranged such a lovely surprise for me."

—Ritva Tilley.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Leona and James Artokivi who were married recently in Fort Saskatchewan, Alta. The young couple will be making their home in Lamont, Alta.

Next dance of the Finnish Society will be held on March 6 at the Scandinavian Centre, Dania Room. Welcome all.

A JOURNEY

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blacksmith shop to the nursery.

Kristinn Baldursson and his daughter drove us out to a point about 10 kilometers from the eruption of Mt. Hekla. We stood on a ridge overlooking a river and watched the red tongues of lava flowing down the mountainside and listened to the roar. Before we left we were coated with volcanic dust.

In our travels I learned how to skól as the Icelanders do, which is different. In the first place they call it "skowl" not "skól". I also learned what a "hesturskól" is. It is sort of a horse and buggy version of one for the road.

We went to Asmundur Sveinnson's gallery. As luck would have it the old sculptor was at home and out in the yard when we arrived. He took us on a personalized tour of the grounds and gallery.

I have never been so impressed by a single meeting with one person. He was rather unkempt, as though he were too busy to worry about little things like his appearance, in his late seventies and still full of tremendous enthusiasm for his work and life.

He spoke only Icelandic and he talked so fast that I couldn't understand everything he said. He told us what he calls each piece of work. He uses a variety of materials ranging from mortar to old bathtubs. His perception and imagination are certainly not those of an ordinary man.

I went for a last drive around town and saw parts of Reykjavik

BOOK REVIEW THE XYZ OF LOVE By Inge and Stan Hegeler (General) \$12.50

The subtitle of The XYZ Of Love — Frank Answers To Every Important Question About Sex — is no exaggeration.

There's no query that's too delicate or bizarre to be tackled by Stan Hegeler and his wife Inge, a couple of Danish psychologists who seem to be the Ann Landers of the Scandinavian sex scene.

This book is mostly made up of questions and answers from the Hegelers' advice column which runs in a daily paper and a women's magazine in Denmark. It's remarkable not only because no similar Canadian publication would be so explicit, but also because of the nature of the replies.

Their standards of sexual conduct are not the usual North American ones. They talk about "little peculiarities" and often see nothing strange in the sort of behavior that in this country would bring an immediate recommendation to get medical help. They believe a lot of things are only problems because people have been taught to regard them as such. And they say some sexual difficulties can not be solved simply by seeing a doctor.

The authors would seem to be right when they say that sexual enlightenment is a relatively neglected field. There's obviously a demand for this information when three books on the subject, Things You Always Wanted To Know About Sex, Human Sexual Inadequacy and The Sensuous Woman, were on last year's bestseller list for months.

The XYZ Of Love certainly does its bit for "enlightenment", but whether or not it is the right approach is a matter of opinion. While the Hegelers are supremely self-confident—like all these advisers—they do seem to have some solid points. And they do put it all in plain, if somewhat flippant language.

Their earlier book, the ABZ Of Love, is said to have sold over one and a half million copies in hard-covers.

John Brown.

DANIA DOINGS



By Vera Nielsen

Friday, March 5th, will be a Western Nite, so come dressed as you like in cowboy outfits, 5 gallon hats and all, just what you like. With your help we hope to be able to make it a real western style evening. We will have our good old orchestra playing, namely Rueben Missal. Most of you like this orchestra and we hope to see as many of our members and their friends come to this dance, help us to make this a success.

"Karnevalet". What are we going to say about that? It is not the same as it used to be in the old days, when nearly everybody was in costume and we had a lot of fun. Too few come in costumes now, how come? If you don't care whether we hold that annual event, we wish you would write in to our secretary and state what is wrong and what you want, then the directors can take it up at the meetings so we know what we should do. So please sit right down and write a letter with your complaint or give us a little incentive. The people that were there had a good time, but we would like to see more.

Membership Draw — Carl Ejnar Petersen, 11901 - 69 St., \$20.00, was not present. Next Draw will be \$25.00 on March 5th.

"BIKUBEN" meeting will be held the third Monday in the month at 8:00 p.m. as usual at 12424 - 141 St., Mon., March 15th.

News From The Danish Church

By Pastor O. Filtenborg

Supper and Bingo Evening will again be held this year sponsored by Ansgar Men's Club. The supper, flasketeg, medisterpolse, rodkaal and ablekage, will be made by the Danish Young Women's Club. The supper and bingo will be held at the Scandinavian Centre March 19th at 6:30 a.m. (and not as I wrongly wrote in the News for February, March 26th). The supper tickets cost \$2.50 and can be bought from members of the Men's Club or Pastor Filtenborg. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The last Sunday in January, Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church celebrated its 41 years anniversary. At the evening service Pastor Holger Madsen from Sherwood Park talked to the congregation. Pastor Holger Madsen's name is one of the first in our churchbook. He was baptized by the founder of Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church in Edmonton, pastor Max Mathiesen in 1930 when pastor Mathiesen was on a trip to Edgewater.

BAPTISMALS:

Nancy Kristensen, daughter of Egon and Solvejg Kristensen of Edmonton.

Ellen Louise Kristensen, daughter of Kris and Alice Kristensen of Leduc.

minated grass and surface water. Animals were ingesting flouride in 10 times the amount safe for animals or humans to absorb.

Iceland's head veterinarian Pall A. Palsson recommended all sheep in affected regions be housed in winter quarters and fed only hay and well water. He urged farmers to board lambs and calves out of the area.

Before one farmer had made the changeover, he lost 21 sheep and at least 100 ewes gave birth to dead lambs

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Nordstjernan News

By Dan Edin

Local Lodge Curling, which took place at Usona Rink on Jan. 20 and 30, again showed great enthusiasm in this sport and proved to be a successful social event.

Top Honors went to skip John Remin and his rink-mates, Jessie Flinkman, Charlie Tapio and Wanda Fraser, by defeating the Stan Torvinen rink. Third place in the First Event went to Ron Fraser; fourth to John Havanka; with Consolation Prizes going to Doug Havanka and Cliff Robins.

First Place in the Second Event was captured by skip Henry Sjogren and rink-mates Impi Torvinen, Lynn Holmlund and Carrie Thorsen, by defeating the Bill Flinkman rink. Next in line was taken by Gus Tabler; fourth to Buster Sjolund; and Consolation Prizes going to Harry Holmlund and Ben Holmlund.

As always, everyone had a most enjoyable day when Buford Lodge was invited to tangle with Nordstjernan in the annual Curl-a-Fest held at Usona on Feb. 13.

First Prize was captured by the Buford Rink including Bob and Gunhild Ladouceur and Albin and Wanda Markstedt. Second Prize went to the rink skipped by John Remin while Henry Sjogren's rink took home the booby prize.

A great many thanks go to the members who served on each of the Curling Committees. A very fine job was performed throughout.

Continued improvement is wished for Mr. John Holmlund who is home from hospital after having undergone surgery. A speedy recovery is wished for Sr. Lynn Holmlund who is at present recuperating in the Wetaskiwin Hospital. "Get Well Wishes" also go to Sr. Mona Robins who has been on the sick list; and to Sr. Eleonora Tabler we extend the very best wishes for improved health.

A Skating Party and Moccasin Dance is scheduled to be held at the Falun Skating Rink commencing at 7 p.m. on March 6.

Next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mr. Bill Flinkman on March 13 at 8 p.m.

The true art of memory is the art of attention.

The 1971 International Summer School

The 25th session of the University of Oslo International Summer School — ISS — will be held in Oslo, Norway on June 26-August 6, 1971. Founded in 1947, the school by 1970 had received 6,500 students from 94 countries.

The University provides lectures from industry and government as well as from its own ranks and guarantees the standard of the courses, all of which are taught in English. ISS offers general and advanced courses on life and culture in Norway and Scandinavia as well as special graduate courses. A new graduate course this year is entitled Labor-Management Relations and Industrial Development. Excursions and long field trips are part of the program.

Admission to the sixweek session is limited to college students, teachers and persons with special professional qualifications. To obtain a catalog and application blank, please write to the Oslo Summer School, North American Admissions Office, c/o St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota 55057. The application deadline is April 15, 1971.

REMEMBER

To look is one thing.
To see what you look at is another.
To understand what you see is a third.
To learn from what you understand is still something else.
But to act on what you learn is all that really matters.

Deaths

OSLO — Gunnar Jahn, 88, who handed out 19 Nobel Peace prizes as chairman of the Norwegian parliament's Nobel committee from 1942 to 1967.

BUFORD NEWS

By Wanta Markstedt

Congratulations to Bert and Toots Pearson on the birth of their new granddaughter, Leeann, born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Pearson.

"Get well wishes" go out to Hil-dur Pearson who has undergone surgery on her eye in an Edmonton hospital.

Glen Pearson and his rink, Albin Markstedt, Chris Vaage and Florence Pearson, are to be congratulated for winning the trophy in the first Round Robin of Vasa curling at Calmar.

Congratulations to Beverly Kvarnberg on her recent engagement to Ron Gray of Calgary.

Four rinks and a few extras from the Buford Vasa Curling Club attended the Curl - O - Rama at Usona on Sat., Feb. 13. The curling was fun, the hospitality the greatest. The members wish to extend a big "Thank You" to Nordstjernan Lodge for a day well spent.

Bill and Edna Pederson and Lillian Kromm have been holidaying in California for the past few weeks.

Danish Ham Rolls

By Mme. Jehane Benoit
6 paper-thin slices ham
6 thin slices smoked salmon
rye or black bread

Spread a slice of smoked salmon over each slice of ham. Roll very tightly until salmon is completely covered, place tightly packed in a dish, and refrigerate covered 3-4 days if you wish.

When needed, cut rolls into 1-inch pieces and spear with picks. Serve with buttered bread fingers and a pepper grinder.

— Canadian Magazine

Edvin Bergquist Dies Suddenly at 66

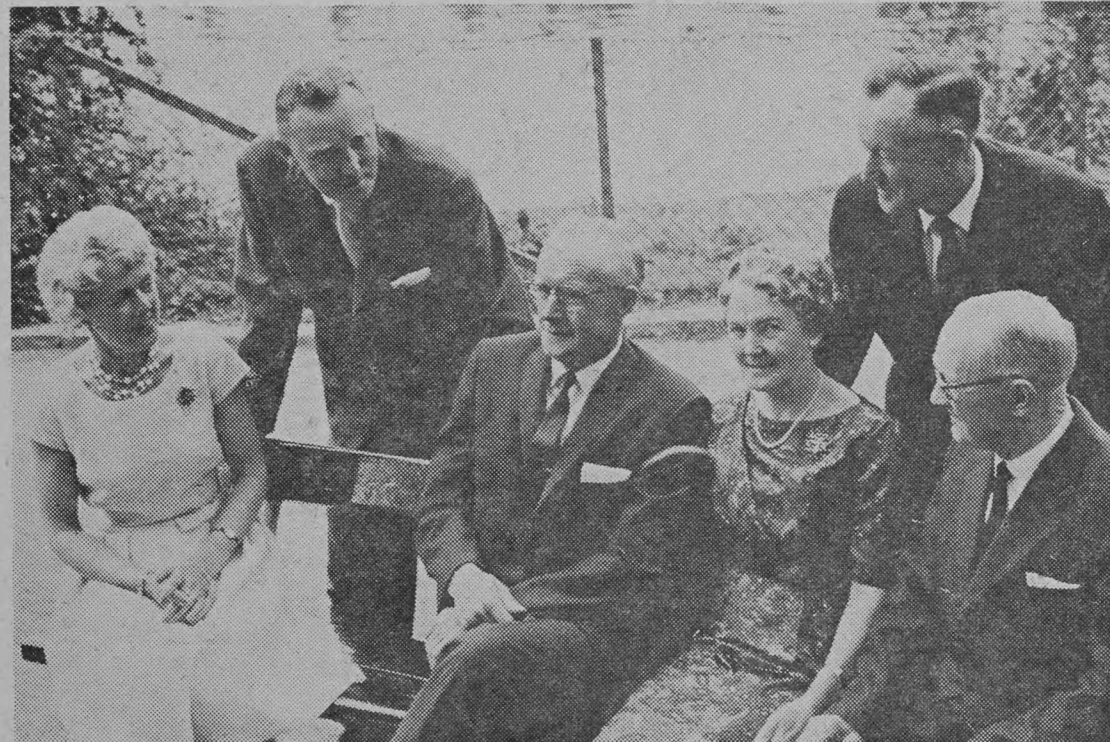
It is with deepest regret that Skandia Lodge No. 549 Vasa Order of America announces the sudden death on January 16, 1971, of a brother member, Edvin Emanuel Bergquist, born July 23, 1904, in Bergliden, Skramtrask, Vasterbotten, Sweden. He emigrated to Canada in July, 1928.

He is survived by his loving wife Ruth; one son Gerald of Edmonton; two daughters, Mrs. Donald (Evelyn) Hazlewood of Edmonton and Mrs. Al (Anna) Rosinski of Sacramento, Calif.; five grandchildren; two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Tillie Forslund, Mrs. Linnea Norstrom, Oscar and Olaus Bergquist,

all in Sweden. He was pre-deceased by his mother in 1918, his father in 1947 and also by one sister and four brothers.

Brother Bergquist was a Charter Member and held a number of positions in our lodge — secretary, chaplain, vice-chairman, outer guard and trustee — during his membership. He was also very active in our land committee for Vasa Park at Pigeon Lake, holding the position of chairman for many years.

His willingness to help and good fellowship will long be remembered by his Vasa friends and many others.



Edvin Emanuel Bergquist (seated, centre) with his brothers and sisters, during his visit to Sweden in 1962 when he travelled on the first Scandinavian Centre Chartered Flight.

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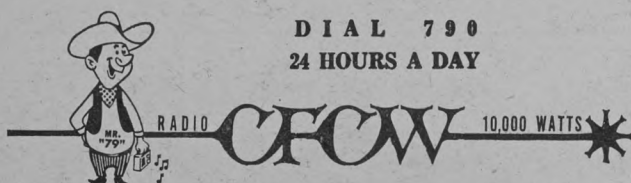
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Olaf Sveen:

Several times we have started to talk about "Hell" on earlier programs. You have said that "Hel" spelled H-E-L or "Hell" spelled H-E-L-L are words of Norse derivation, even though "Hel", spelled H-E-L, is not the same as "Hell" spelled H-E-L-L. Is this the gist of it to this point?

Dr. Tom Nelson:

Yes, that's a true summary. But it may be of interest to go into the matter a little more. First, we should recognize that the word "Hell" is NOT used in all languages for the place of domination of the dead. The Jews used "Shoel", translated vaguely as "the grave". Latin languages use some form of the Latin "infernalis" or the Greek "Hodes" which originally referred to the place of the dead and earth deities but came to mean a place of domination. For example, in the Italian Dante's "Divine Comedy" the "inferno" is a huge pit formed of gradually contracting circles in which the damned suffer horrible physical punishments specific to their sins. We, of course, use these words in English sometimes, too, as synonyms for "Hell". The modern day German language used the word "Holle" originally meaning "to cover" or a "grave". Actually the Norse word "Hel" also derives from an older word form meaning "to cover". And ultimately, scholars tell us both "holle" and "Hel" can be traced to a very ancient Indo-European word "skelow" meaning also "to cover". See, this doesn't stretch the mind to understand.

Then how is Hel different? Well, it is different because it is the Norse word for the place where those who do not live and die on earth go to live and die again. What I mean by this latter statement is that in the early myths of the Northmen, all the dead went to Hel. Those who went to "Valholl" — largely heroes of high rank — went to the part of Hel overseen by Odiu. There they were re-created and fought and died each day. The animal they feasted upon was also killed each day and then re-created for the next. It was only late in the pagan Viking period that Hel became the name for a specific Goddess who takes those who die of old age and sickness.

Olaf:

I would like to ask you a few more questions along these lines. For example, where did the word "Hel" change from pagan to Christian?

Dr. Nelson:

This happened at different times in different places. What I mean is that the word "Hel" occurs in English and other languages that fall into what are known as "low land" German tongues. These include modern English, Danish, Norwegian, Dutch, Fresian, Faroese, Icelandic and Swedish. "Interior" German uses a different word, as I've said, and one that is not derived directly from pagan mythology.

The introduction of the Norse word into the Christianity professed by those speaking the "low land" German tongues came early. It appears in old English Psalms about 200 years after the Angles, Saxons and Jutes conquered the Celtic Roman population. The Angles, Saxons and Jutes were of course Northmen coming either from what is now Denmark or from Skleoweg Halstein in what is now Northern Germany and doubtless brought the word "Hel" with them. The pagan use of the term died last in Sweden which was the slowest of the Germanic speaking countries to adopt Christianity. I believe however, that you mentioned to me once that the older idea still survives in Norway.

Olaf:

Yes, that is true. I never thought of the matter until we talked about

Hel as a pagan Norse idea. Some of the Norse religion and, therefore, possessed only scraps of the last vestiges of a much larger and complex religious conception. These sources are to be relied upon much more for a knowledge of late Viking history than for Northman religion. She says that the pagan religion in Iceland where Snori got his material was greatly deteriorated in its form as compared with that practiced in the religious heartland located at Uppsala in Sweden in its heyday.

These are not curses but descriptions used everyday. I would suppose they are very old expressions.

Dr. Nelson:

I'm sure they are.

Olaf:

Everything seems clear to me at this point although the matter is complex. You are saying that the word "Hel" has changed meaning. This is a fact.

Does this fact lead somewhere else? What, besides, did you mean when you said that "Hel" was the place where those who no longer live and die on earth go to live and die again?

Dr. Nelson:

Before going further, I should try to warn you that my interpretations of the significance of "death" and "dying" for the Northman are not those ordinarily presented. However, it is consistent in the main belief with what Hilda Ellis-Davidson says. And it is she who has written the book titled "The Road to Hell" which is probably the definitive work on the topic of "Hel". Ellis-Davidson points out that the ideas we have been given of Hel and Valholl are constructions of court poets or Snori Sturlason. All lived long after the flowering

So far as my statement that "Hel" is the place where those who no longer live and die on earth go to live and die again" I should perhaps quote her. She says: "We, thus, have two separate conceptions which have left traces in the literature; there can be survival either through a life lived with the gods after the end of life on earth or through rebirth out of the grave",

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